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1. About 800 Soviet Air Force officers and EW were transferred from the Adlershof (N 53/2 9h) to the Schoenefeld (N 53/2 9h) airfield between 12 and 15 July 1950. A soldier of the unit said that the Adlershof airfield had been evacuated since Volkspolizei were expected to arrive. (1) Since the transfer all of the 480 seats of the motion picture theater at the Schoenefeld field were occupied every night. [REDACTED] was seen on several letters addressed to Soviets at the field. (2)

2. In early July 1950 a Polish plane took off from the field but shortly afterwards had to make a forced landing in the nearby field. The damaged craft was hauled to the airfield and repaired in the repair hangar.

3. The Volkspolizei guard personnel at the field were relieved on 21 July 1950.

4. On 22 July 1950 the field was occupied by 7 twin-engine Douglas commercial planes and 10 fighters. No flights have yet been made with the fighters. (3) A field worker confirmed that the fighters were parked in the hangars on the southern edge of the field.

5. The Spaeth Firm maintains the sodded area of the field. On 19 July 1950 all the workers of the firm had to stay in the construction sheds for some time while a Soviet military plane landed at the field. The plane stopped on the runway and Soviet soldiers unloaded crates the size of infantry ammunition boxes which were then hauled to the southern edge of the field by three trucks.

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7. The occupation of the field had not changed on 29 July 1950. Passenger car [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] were seen at the field. Several motor [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] were also noticed.

10. Colonel Kultivator, (fnu), was the new commanding officer of the field. The ten fighters were still stationed at the field on 4 August 1950. Jet planes flew over the field repeatedly but did not land. There was regular day and night flying activity by commercial planes. (4)

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~~Comments.~~

- (1) This is the first information that a Soviet unit was transferred from Adlershof to Schoenefeld and that the Adlershof airfield was evacuated.
- (2) According to a previous report [REDACTED] belongs to the guard personnel at the field. [REDACTED]
- (3) The presence of fighters was previously reported [REDACTED] has not been confirmed. [REDACTED] It is believed that these planes are used to escort aircraft carrying important officials.
- (4) Colonel Rebrov was commanding officer of the field prior to 29 May 1950. The new commanding officer is mentioned for the first time. The utilization of the airfield has not changed. It is still under Soviet command and there are no indications that the field or part of the field has been turned over for administration by the German Democratic Republic.

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